



Account of Purley on Thames

Chronicles 1100-

1600 - 42/43 Eliz

John Justice of Purley died. His will is preserved (ref 321-J529)

1601 - 43/44 Eliz

Francis, Lord Norris, acknowledged by Fine his lordship of several manors including Westbrook, Westbury and Purley. Sir Edward Norreys released all his rights and interests in the manors in Berks and Oxon (ref 424-28661-175)

1602 - 44/45 Eliz

1603 - 45 Eliz/1 Jas I

In a report on the state of the church made to the Bishop of Lincoln, it was reported that Randall Wright held both the livings of Burnham (Bucks) and Purley (ref 190)

1604 - 1/2 Jas I

By letters patent granted on 8th Feb, the whole of the Lordship of the Manor of Whitchurch was granted to Sir George Howme. No land south of the river was included (ref 118-5)

1605 - 2/3 Jas I

Ralph Wimbolt died. He had been the village blacksmith and had had a shop with an anvil according to his will. Ralph had been born in Brimpton about 1570. He married Maria Miles in Englefield in 1599. When his widow presented her accounts in the following year (1606) his debts were greater than the value of his estate (ref 321-K185; 1-1/86)

John Justice died. His will is preserved (ref 321-K59)

1606 - 3/4 Jas I

1607 - 4/5 Jas I

The earliest entries in the bishops transcripts of the Purley Parish registers are dated 1607. There were four christenings, five weddings and three burials. James Clarke was the curate.

1608 - 5/6 Jas I

A Glebe Terrier for the Rectory lands in Purley was drawn up. Long Lane was mentioned, the earliest reference to it. The present Oxford Road was known as 'The Highway' and as 'Reading Way'. The parsonage was described as having a dwelling and one barn (ref 426-13)

John North, yeoman of Purley died. In his will he left two shillings to the Parish Church and one cow for the poor of the Parish. When the cow died the Parish received £6 in compensation. This yielded six shillings per annum which was distributed to poor widows.

1609 - 6/7 Jas I

La Hyde was built by Francis Hyde. It was later named Hyde Hall and then Purley Hall

1610 - 7/8 Jas I

Thomas Eldridge of Purley died. His will is preserved (ref 321-L80)

1611 - 8/9 Jas I

John St John was one of those included in the first ever lists of Baronets created on 22nd May.

1612 - 9/10 Jas I

1613 - 10/11 Jas I

1614 - 11/12 Jas I

1615 - 12/13 Jas I

1616 - 13/14 Jas I

Joan Goodboy, alias Holloway, of Purley died. Her will is preserved (ref 321-L726)

1617 - 14/15 Jas I

Alice Bird of Purley died. Her will is preserved (ref 321-L726)

1618 - 15/16 Jas I

1619 - 16/17 Jas I

A deed re lands was made between Francis Hyde of Whitchurch, in the County of Berks and Edward Homes of Hyde Farm.

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